

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA
BUTTE DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

MELVIN OMAR GARCIA LOPEZ,

Defendant.

CR 22–35–BU–DLC

ORDER

Before the Court is United States Magistrate Judge Kathleen L. DeSoto’s Findings & Recommendation Concerning Plea. (Doc. 25.) Because neither party objected, they are not entitled to *de novo* review. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); *United States v. Reyna-Tapia*, 328 F.3d 1114, 1121 (9th Cir. 2003). Therefore, the Court reviews the Findings and Recommendation for clear error. *McDonnell Douglas Corp. v. Commodore Bus. Mach., Inc.*, 656 F.2d 1309, 1313 (9th Cir. 1981). Clear error exists if the Court is left with a “definite and firm conviction that a mistake has been committed.” *United States v. Syrax*, 235 F.3d 422, 427 (9th Cir. 2000).

Melvin Omar Garcia Lopez is charged with one count of illegal reentry, in violation of 8 U.S.C. §§ 1326(a) and (b)(1). (Doc. 12.) Judge DeSoto recommends that this Court accept Mr. Lopez’s guilty plea as to the Indictment

after he appeared before her pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11. The Court finds no clear error in Judge DeSoto's Findings and Recommendation and adopts them in full.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that Judge DeSoto's Findings and Recommendation (Doc. 25) is ADOPTED in full.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Lopez's motion to change plea (Doc. 19) is GRANTED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Melvin Omar Garcia Lopez is adjudged guilty as charged in the Indictment.

DATED this 7th day of March, 2023.



Dana L. Christensen, District Judge
United States District Court